University level education

†2771. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of people who have been provided the university level education in the country;

(b) the efforts made by Government during the last three years to provide the university level education to the maximum number of people;

(c) the total number of new universities opened during that period and the total amount incurred thereon, State-wise;

(d) whether the Central Government have any proposal for opening any new university in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) According to the infornlation furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), 9.7% of the population in the eligible age group of 18-24 years have been provided university level education during 2006-07. Enrolment in Higher Education has increased from 10.48 Million in 2004-05 to 12.8 Million in 2006-07. Since the State Legislatures are competent to incorporate universities on their own, the University Grants Commission becomes aware of such Universities only when approached for inclusion under Sec 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956. According to the UGC, 36 new State Universities were opened during the last three years, in 2004-05, in 2005-06 and in 2006-07 as mentioned in the given Statement (*See* below). In addition University of Allahabad (June, 05), Manipur University (October, 05), Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh (April, 07), Tripura University (July, 07), Sikkim University (July, 07) and The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad (August, 07) have been established by Acts of Parliament. Expenditure incurred by State Governments on the maintenance of State Universities is not centrally maintained. However the UGC provides assistance to the State Universities under the Development Schemes/Programmes. The Eleventh Plan has not been finalized. A substantial expansion in higher educational institutions and quality enhancement is envisaged in the Eleventh Plan, including setting up of a Central University in each State, such as Orissa, which does not have a Central University at present.

Statement

Number of State Universities opened dtlring the period from 2004-05 *to* 2006-07

State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	3
Bihar	01	–	01
Chhattisgarh	–	03	–

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	3
Gujarat	02	01	03
Jammu and Kashmir	02	–	01
Karnataka	01	01	–
Maharashtra	01	–	–
Orissa	–	–	01
Punjab	–	–	03
Rajasthan	–	–	01
Tamil Nadu	01	–	–
Tripura	–	–	01
Uttar Pradesh	04	–	01
Uttaranchal	01	01	02
West Bengal	03	–	–

Scholarships for senior secondary students

2772. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any scheme for providing scholarships at senior secondary level to economically backward students;

(b) if not, whether Government would consider a proposal to formulate such a scheme for them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Finance Minister in his Budget Speech on 8.02.2007 has announced a National Means-cum Merit Scholarship Scheme for students studying in classes IX to XII, with a provision of an amount of Rs. 6000/- per annum per student, and one lakh students, every year.

Minority educational institutions

2773. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether States have minority educational institutions and the educational institutions run by minority communities;

(b) if so, the number of educational institutions including schools, colleges, professional colleges and self-financing professional colleges of various categories